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There was no business to be transacted. The announced program consisted of an illustrated lecture on "A decade of the Salton Sea," by Dr. D. T. MacDougal.

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

NEWS ITEMS

Rev. E. J. Hill, of Chicago, whose botanical papers have appeared in various journals for many years, died January 22, in his eighty-fourth year.

Exercises on the occasion of the dedication of the completed laboratory building and plant houses of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden are planned for April 19, 20, 21. The new building and greenhouse additions will be completed by that time. Sessions for the reading of scientific papers and a public reception are among the events planned. Members of the Club are invited to the scientific meetings, and further particulars will be published in the March number.

Mr. H. E. Thomas, instructor in botany at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, sailed on March 3, to Mayaguez, to do work in plant pathology at the Federal Experiment Station, Porto Rico.

Mr. Lex Hesler of Cornell University, has been granted a year's leave of absence to study plant diseases in Porto Rico. He sailed for Mayaguez on February 10th.